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Applicant JOHN G SHAW :

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of candour and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, the information given below is called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The following documents are cited for background interest:

U S Patents; SAUNDERS 1,719,728
NERRETER 559,194
FIGGE 1,885,193
WILL 3,531,901
SANFORD 3,531,904
DANIELS 4,313,688
GUIGNON 2,250,951

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considered.

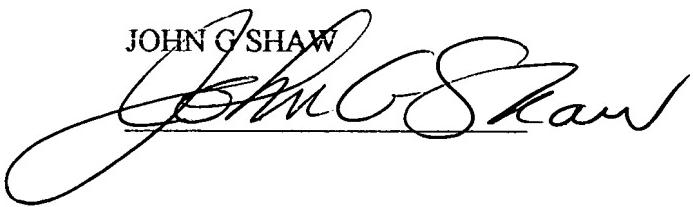
Foreign Patents and Disclosures;
NONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE

None of the references discloses a rot protector having the features claimed in my application.

It is respectfully requested that the said items be considered and made of record in the prosecution and appear among the references cited on any patent issued from the application.

Respectfully submitted

JOHN G SHAW

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Shaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and the last name "G. Shaw" connected by a single stroke.